

## REPLY

By Mr. Tompkins

To Congressman Lentz's Challenge.

Tom L. Johnson Will Enter Politics.

Anti-Saloon League's Opposition Weakening.

Summit's Land Values to be Considered Tomorrow.

(Special Correspondence.)

Columbus, Jan. 28.—Emmet Tompkins, Congressman-elect from the Twelfth district, has replied to the notice of contest served by Congressman J. J. Lentz, his opponent at the polls last fall. In his answer, which is very long, Mr. Tompkins has made the same error as did his rival in preparing the original charges and has devoted himself more to personal abuse than to proof that the accusations of Mr. Lentz are false. He denies each charge in toto, however, and makes counter charges to the effect that some votes secured through corrupt means were cast and recorded for Mr. Lentz. There seems to be not the slightest chance that Mr. Lentz will secure his seat in Congress, although Mr. Tompkins falls in large measure to refute the charges of corruption.

In referring to the former Congressman's charges that Marcus A. Hanna's seat in the Senate was won through bribery, Mr. Tompkins says:

This paragraph teems with egotism, libel and scurrility. In it you accuse, in the grossest and most wanton language, the President of the United States of malfeasance and misfeasance in office; of high crimes and misdemeanors, even to accuse him of bribing a member of the Ohio Legislature, and by innuendo make him ripe for impeachment and removal.

These charges are false and wicked and should emanate only from a disloyal and vicious citizen, and not from one who has been honored, all too much, by the people of this district. These base and brutal accusations against the chief executive of this nation should find no place in the archives of Congress, but they serve to show that if you had a thousand plurality of votes you are unfit to sit in the House of Representatives.

The egotism displayed in this paragraph is unbearably excessive. You say, in substance, that a large corruption fund was raised outside of this district and sent in here to defeat you because certain Republican leaders connected with the National Administration feared the effect of certain exposures you would make. I deny that any sum was procured in any manner and sent into this district to corrupt voters against you, and I deny that anybody is afraid of you. When you assert that you are the exclusive repository of certain information and possess such peculiar powers of denunciation and denunciation as to make men fear you, you exhibit a robust specimen of vanity running wild.

The whole answer is abusive and insulting in the extreme. However, the charges of Mr. Lentz were of the same sort and he cannot complain very much.

Hon. Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, the well known Democratic leader, and Hon. F. S. Monnett of this city, former Republican Attorney General of Ohio, who will probably be a candidate for the nomination for the same office before the next Democratic State convention, have submitted to the City Council of Columbus, a proposition to buy the property of the Columbus Railway company, the street car monopoly of this city, and to grant the city three cent fares, with universal transfers. No action has yet been taken and the proposals are now in the hands of the Council, sitting as committee of the whole. The offer comes as the result of the hard fight which is being made against the granting of a 25-year blanket franchise to the Columbus Railway company. Two of the Councilmen supposed to be in under the control of the corporation have been won over to the side of the people by the great pressure of public opinion and it is practically assured that the grant of the proposed franchise will be refused at the meeting



It was one of these experimental farmers, who put green spectacles on his cow and fed her shavings. His theory was that it didn't matter what the cow ate so long as she was fed. The questions of digestion and nourishment had not entered into his calculations.

It's only a "fenderfoot" farmer that would try such an experiment with a cow. But many a farmer feeds himself regardless of digestion and nutrition. He might almost as well eat shavings for all the good he gets out of his food. The result is that the stomach grows "weak," the action of the organs of digestion and nutrition are impaired and the man suffers the miseries of dyspepsia and the agonies of nervousness.

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of Council on Monday evening. In that case the proposition of the two prominent politicians will be seriously considered.

During Mr. Johnson's visit to this city last week, he held several conferences with prominent Democrats and it is believed that he will be active in Ohio politics this fall. Gossip points the way of his ambition in several different directions, but no hint has fallen from the lips of the wily Tom. One of the Democrats whom he did not meet while here is Colonel James Kilbourne. Whether or not the omission is significant nobody knows.

Six Democratic Congressmen from Ohio, Messrs. Gordon, Meekison, Norton, Brenner, McDowell and Lentz, will attend the great banquet to be

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## IT IS TOO INCONVENIENT.

City Commissioners May Abolish Custom of Having a Stated Time of Meeting.

The office hours of the City Commissioners are from 8 a. m. to 9 a. m., and at such other times as is convenient. A resolution will probably be brought before the Board to abolish the special meeting time, as being inconvenient.

It was past 8 by the twenty-five dollar clock the Board recently purchased, Monday morning, and not a City Commissioner was in sight. A few callers had grown tired of waiting and were gone their separate ways, when Commissioner Orlando L. McMillen sauntered up the stairs.

given by the Jefferson-Jackson-Lincoln league at the Columbus auditorium on the evening of Feb. 12. Letters of acceptance from men of national reputation are being received every day and there seems to be no doubt that the banquet will be the greatest political affair of its kind which has taken place in Ohio for years and years.

Those in charge of the arrangements for the banquet to be held at the Neil house on the same evening, under the auspices of the Buckeye Republican club, the most influential Republican organization in this city, are not meeting with so much success as are their Democratic brethren. Letters of regret have been received from Senators Foraker, Hanna and Beveridge, Representatives Landis and others equally prominent. President Thompson of Ohio State University will deliver the principal address.

The Ohio Anti-Saloon league, not many months ago so bitterly opposed to the return of Hon. J. B. Foraker to the Senate, seems to be weakening. First comes an article in the official organ of the league to the effect that there will be no active opposition to the senior senator at the election this fall. Then comes P. A. Baker, the superintendent of the organization, in an interview complimenting Foraker for some things he has done and abusing him for others. It looks as if the league were paying the way to escape the charge of having defected a Republican.

The trouble with the Anti-Saloon league is that most of the members are too narrowly partisan to amount to much as a political force. Extremists are not usually broad enough to set aside party prejudice when the test comes.

The valuation of the farm lands in Summit county will probably be considered by the State Board of Equalization in committee of the whole on Tuesday. An effort will be made to secure a reduction of the figures returned by the Board of Appraisers. Whatever action may be taken will be only preliminary, since the valuation will be considered twice more in committee of the whole and once by the Board proper.

It is believed that no attention will be paid to the effect that the Board has no authority to make a reduction in the total valuation of real estate in Ohio. All of the changes made thus far have been reductions and no member is willing to see an increase in the valuation of property in the district represented by him. If there is a general decrease, think the members of the Board, no one will be dissatisfied and no proceedings will be brought to test the validity of the Board's acts.

ROBERT O. RYDER.

Watch the Democrat next Saturday—"there's money in it for you."

## SIGN YOUR NAME.

Commissioners Don't Like Anonymous Letters.

An anonymous letter writer calls on the City Commissioners to require sidewalk walks on Brown st., and Ellwood ave.

Out of Business.

The Van Campen Oil, Gas & Salt company, of Barberton, went out of business last week. The company was composed mostly of Akron people.

Lat Lodge News.

Agenda Lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, will hold a special meeting Tuesday evening at the usual time and place. The captain wishes all members of the team to be present as business of importance is to be discussed. New floor work will be put on. The lodge has lost another member and we sympathize with Sister Martin and her children. The next regular meeting will be held Feb. 5.

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"De Cello and myself managed to get judgment against the county for the full amount of our claim," said Mr. Doran, "but the greater part of it went to attorneys and for incidental expenses. All we ever realized was \$276, barely enough to cover our expenses while in Akron."

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## PECK OF WOE.

All Sorts of Trouble

Hung On Monday's Police Court Wash Line.

Tried to Favor His Girl's Mother.

The Mayor's Gratis Advice to Employers.

His Honor Could Not Satisfy Reinhardt Waldvogel.

"I came into town to see my girl, Mrs. Strong—that's her mother—wanted a crock to put meat in, and I went out and got her one. I thought they were damaged and not wanted," said John Winkelman, a youth from Reservoir, as he faced His Honor in Police court Monday.

John was charged with petit larceny. The crockery, alleged to have been stolen from the Merrill pottery, was found at the home of Mrs. Strong at Lock 3.

"Ever been arrested before?" asked the Mayor.

"Why, I took a few apples once."

"Ten and costs," said His Honor.

"He said he wasn't going to stand my snubbing him and sneering, and told me to shut my mouth, and called me names. He said he wouldn't be snubbed by nobody. You could hear him talking a mile away." This was the complaint of Miss Emma Evers on the witness stand in Police court, against Dewitt Belden, of Leatherman & Belden, proprietors of a restaurant at 121 South Howard st. She had caused his arrest on charge of disorderly conduct.

Employees of the firm testified that Mr. Belden was talking to Mr. Leatherman when he made certain remarks not pleasing to Miss Evers and asked that she be "fired."

"I wouldn't talk to my partner about discharging help in the presence of the help," said Mayor Young. "You are discharged."

Reinhardt Waldvogel was charged with violating the screen ordinance at his saloon at 709 South Main st. Several policemen testified that the interior of the room was hidden from view. Waldvogel said anybody who tried to see in could do so. "Every body knows I don't keep open on Sunday. When several others were arrested it taught me a lesson," said he.

"Let this be another lesson then," said the court. "As you have not been arrested before I'll give you this minimum sentence—\$10 and costs."

"But I am not satisfied with that," Waldvogel persisted.

"It is too late now," said the court. "I don't suppose I could satisfy you."

"I live in Pittsburg and am going home from South Dakota," said Patrick Carr, charged with intoxication. "I wasn't drunk."

"No? Two and costs," said the court.

"Well, the Queen being dead—"

"You may sit down," said the court. Robert Rolfe, 124 North Main st., pleaded guilty of intoxication. "I never was arrested before," he said.

"I hope you never will be again," said his honor. "Two and costs."

The little folks can make money by watching next Saturday's Democrat.

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